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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination of the accompanying 37 CFR
 1.60 application, please amend the identified application
 as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims.

- 1 ~~54.~~ (Newly added) A method for delivering a
- 2 bifurcated endoluminal stent or prosthesis having a
- 3 proximal portion and a first distal portion into the
- 4 vasculature at an aneological bifurcation where a blood
- 5 vessel branches into a first branched vessel and a second
- 6 branched vessel, said method comprising the steps of:
- 7 (a) inserting a first introducer containing
- 8 said stent or prosthesis into the vasculature to a
- 9 predetermined delivery location, said first introducer
- 10 comprising an outer sheath, a proximal portion pusher,
- 11 and a distal portion pusher;
- 12 (b) withdrawing said outer sheath of said
- 13 first introducer while maintaining said proximal portion